Date Mailed October 6, 2000

## BEFORE THE

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin) for Approval of an affiliated Interest Agreement with Xcel Energy Services, Inc.

4220-AU-125

## NOTICE OF PROCEEDING AND INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.52, to consider the application of Northern States Power Company - Wisconsin (NSPW) for approval of a service agreement with Xcel Energy Services, Inc. (Excel Services).

NSPW is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, Inc. (Xcel), formerly known as Northern States Power Company – Minnesota (NSPM). Xcel is a registered holding company subject to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 (PUHCA).

Xcel Services is a wholly owned subsidiary of Xcel formed to provide shared overhead services such as administrative, corporate, management, supervisory, engineering, financial, legal, accounting, construction or similar services. According to the application, services will be priced at cost as defined in PUHCA.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Diane C. Braun at (608) 267-1200.
Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,
By the Commission:
Lynda L. Dorr Secretary to the Commission